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STREET BENCHES DITCHED IN £60K REVAMP OF TOWN

ABINGTON STREET FURNITURE WILL BE REPLACED AND UPGRADED

Tatty old benches in the middle of Northampton's main shopping street are being removed as part of a project to improve the area.

The octagonal benches, which have been a feature of Abington Street since the 1990s, will be replaced with modern seats and more trees.

The move is part of a £60,000 scheme which aims to make a big impact with small changes.

The leader of Northampton Borough Council, Councillor David Mackintosh (*Con, Rectory Farm*) said: "These are tough times for towns across the country and we've invested in these small improvements to give the town centre a lift. All this work is part of our overall plan to put Northampton on the map as a great place to visit and to invest in."

Other improvements to Abington Street will include replacing a number of old litters bins, removing bollards which no-longer serve any purpose, replacing steel grilles around the bottom of trees with devices that do not trap litter, and removing unnecessary street signs.

Five silver birch trees will also be planted at the top end Abington Street.

Part of the funding towards the project has come from the Northampton Business Improvement District (BID), a group made up of shop owners in the town centre.

BID chairman Sue Roberts said: "We've been working hard to make sure Northampton has a great, all-round offer for visitors and to create the best environment for businesses to do well.

"Making sure the town looks inviting and well cared for is a key part of that.

"The BID has already funded work to improve the Drapery and the Market Square and we want to see this new programme of improvements make a real difference."

Workmen this week began to remove the octagonal benches from Abington Street as part of a £60,000 update in Northampton town centre

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Uphill battle for police amid spiralling property crime

By John Harrison
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Police have admitted they face a fight following an alarming increase in the number of homes and cars being broken into in Northamptonshire.

Burglaries and vehicle crimes across the county have soared over the past 16 months, coinciding with the period when the focus of Northamptonshire Police instead shifted towards tackling violence.

House burglaries increased by 10 per cent in the 12 months up until September, while vehicle break-ins increased by 11 per cent.

And figures obtained by the *Chronicle & Echo* this week show burglary has continued to rise since then.

In the peak month of December, last year, police recorded 347 burglaries - more than 10 homes a day.

The force saw huge falls in burglary, car crime and robbery during its high profile Operation Guardian. The impact of the operation has, however, diminished significantly since the launch of another operation, to fight violent crime.

Speaking this week, the Chief Constable of Northamptonshire Police, Adrian Lee, challenged officers across the county to "stop thinking we can only have one priority".

He said: "The message from the force has been very strong. This force has to be good at reducing violent crime and serious inquisitive crime such as the burglaries and the motor vehicle theft.

"We've got to stop thinking we can only have one priority. We've got to be good at doing both and we are becoming extremely good at doing both.

"The number of crimes of burglary and theft from vehicles is going up. It's contrary to a national trend and partly to do with some of the operations we've done, people coming out of prison and we've just got to manage those offenders better."

Detective Chief Superintendent Simon Blatchly, the force lead on acquisitive crime, added: "Since the beginning of April we have made 1,147 arrests relating to serious acquisitive crime. We have executed 124 warrants across the county, and we continue to speak with those that we suspect are offending.

"We will continue with our tactics to keep the pressure on offenders and targeted events are taking place every month across the county to educate members of the public about crime prevention."

FUND-RAISING MONEY STOLEN

Pupils have had money stolen which was destined for a child in Uganda

Primary school pupils upset as cash taken in burglaries

Hundreds of pounds raised by primary school pupils, which was due to be donated to a paralympic athlete and a child in Uganda, have been stolen by burglars.

About £600 was taken from a safe in Little Houghton Primary School, in Lodge Close, Little Houghton, overnight last Friday and Saturday.

The money had been collected by children at the school to sponsor Teddy Akwera, a pupil at a school in Uganda.

Burglars also forced their way into Hackleton Primary School, in Main Road, in Hackleton, some time between 12.05am and 12.35am on Saturday and stole a safe containing money which had also been raised to assist Paralympian, Anna Turney, to purchase new equipment for her bid to reach the next Paralympics in Brazil in 2016.

Little Houghton Day Nursery was also targeted by burglars over the weekend and cash was stolen.

Sam Edwards, a year five teacher at Little Houghton Primary School, said the pupils were very upset by the theft and the school would try to find a way of still sending some money to the Ugandan youngster.

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The troubleshooter at turns to big problems

Kevin Crompton – the man who turned round the council in the case of Baby P (pictured right) – is to join the LSCBN

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The man who turned around the London council at the centre of the Baby Peter case has been brought in to head Northamptonshire's safeguarding board as the county tackles a crisis within child protection.

The *Chron* can reveal that Kevin Crompton, chief executive of Haringey Council until last October, will be announced as the independent chair of the Local Children's Safeguarding Board Northamptonshire (LSCBN).

The news comes ahead of the publication of serious failings within child protection, which were uncovered during an Ofsted inspection of police, social services and the NHS. The previous chair, Janet Galley, left late last year.

Mr Crompton's work in Haringey included improving children's services following the tragic death of Peter

Baby P's council now in Northamptonshire

Connelly, who died aged 17 months in 2007, following missed signs of abuse.

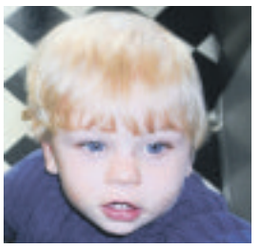
Inspectors said in 2011 that Haringey Council now had 'adequate' child safeguarding but 'good' leadership and a 'good' capacity to improve.

County councillor John McGhee (*Lab, Kingswood*), said: "I welcome this appointment to the board. I believe we are in such trouble we need expert help in leading safeguarding. I have no doubt that he will have a difficult job ahead of him, but we clearly need his experience.

"Lack of children's safeguarding experience in leadership positions at Northamptonshire County Council – due to jobs losses – is one of the themes of the Ofsted report."

Mr Crompton, 56, who lives near Coventry, currently works as an independent consultant, but is also chairman of the equivalent safeguarding boards in the London boroughs of Sutton and Merton.

Among the nine councils the father-of-three has



worked for is Solihull Metropolitan Council, from where the last two chiefs at County Hall have also come. He was director of children's services there until 2010.

It is understood Mr Crompton has accepted his new Northamptonshire role and that only the paperwork needs to be completed.

Councillor Tony Clarke (*Ind, Castle*) said councillors ought to have been consulted about the appointment.

He said: "We have never been consulted, therefore we don't know if the appointment is good, bad or indifferent. Nobody even knew that Janet Galley left last year until the last few weeks.

"As councillors, we are corporate parents, yet how do we ask questions when we aren't told what is going on?"

Key report

- **Key findings of the Ofsted report into failings in child protection in Northamptonshire are set to be revealed later this month.**
- **It follows the Chron's exclusive report last week that revealed inspectors had been invited into the NHS, Northamptonshire County Council and Northamptonshire Police as a pilot of a new type of inspection. As a result, Ofsted said beforehand it would not publish the full report as there was a chance its findings would not be valid.**
- **However, the issues it found were so serious it sent inspectors back to Northamptonshire last week.**
- **That report is set to be published in full on the Ofsted website in due course.**

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Probe into number of hip patient deaths

Bosses at Northampton General Hospital are looking into the number of deaths of elderly people suffering with broken hips.

The hospital stressed it does not yet know if there is a common link between the deaths, but 34 people with 'fractured neck of femurs' have died since April 2012, compared with the predicted number of 20.

An NGH board report said fractured neck of femurs were "subject to particular scrutiny" and that there "continues to be cause for concern in relation to mortality".

The hospital said the problem had arisen within the last six months and that an audit of care was under way. This has so far revealed the patients who died were already very ill.

Dr Sonia Swart, the hospital's medical director, said: "This is a very elderly and frail group and we are not quite sure what the problem is.

"We are continuing to audit the patients who die."

Dr Sonia Swart, medical director at Northampton General Hospital, says the hospital is looking at possible causes for the number of deaths of patients admitted with broken hips

The board papers also flagged up the target of operating on broken hips within 48 hours had been missed every month, except September.

But Dr Swart said during last week's board meeting: "You can't say that doing just one thing differently would have produced a different outcome."

"We have had this, on occasion, over 10 years. You address it and you think you have solved it, but it drifts back."

Afterwards she added: "There are so many underlying medical conditions with this type of patient, so it's not easy to say there is a link. We are not saying there is definitely something wrong, we are saying the deaths are higher than we expected."

All the deaths are being reviewed by senior and junior staff in the trauma and orthopaedics department at monthly meetings.

A physician specialising in elderly care will also look at the care of patients who died after their operation.

An NGH spokesman said: "The trust has requested a detailed plan to ensure all issues are identified."

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Steve Allan said the pothole crash caused his airbag to deploy and it buckled his front wheel

Action promised over A43 potholes

More motorists have contacted the Chron after damaging their cars while 'running the gauntlet' of potholes on the A43 in the county.

Smashed wheels, damaged steering and airbags deploying are three results of cars which are said to have hit craters on the dual-carriageway between Towcester and Silverstone.

Steve Allan and Dave Simpson both contacted the *Chron* after reading about Steve Dean's experience on the A43 in last week's edition. He nearly lost control after hitting a pothole in heavy snow.

Mr Allan, aged 38, of Hunsbury Hill, Northampton, was driving at rush hour on a Friday in his Mercedes Smart car, when he hit a pothole and it set off his airbag.

He said: "It filled the car with smoke. It stinks and you hear a loud bang. I was disorientated and I was absolutely convinced I'd gone into the pothole and someone had gone into the back of me."

Mr Allan ended up with a bill for £500, and said he will be claiming for compensation.

Dave Simpson, aged 51, of Baines Way, Grange Park, Northampton, damaged his steering in a similar incident. He said: "I was already aware of some holes in the road and was being cautious, but even so I hit what felt like a crater.

"Immediately I noticed a vibration through the steering wheel. I ended up with repair cost of £172. I travel on the A43 on a daily basis and while temporary repairs keep being made, more potholes keep appearing."

A Highways Agency spokesman said last week: "We will be bringing forward further schemes as part of our 2013-14 programme to address the sections of the A43 most urgently in need of resurfacing."

This week, the spokesman added the proposals were still going through the agency's processes to ensure its schemes were value for money for the taxpayer.

Confirmation is expected in the next fortnight.

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The Henry Harday building is one of the oldest factory buildings in the town

Town developer reveals flats plan for former shoe factory

One of the oldest remnants of Northampton's shoe industry could be brought back to life after plans were revealed to restore a derelict shoe factory in the town centre.

The Henry Harday factory in Regent Street, Semilong, has been empty for years and has been targeted by arsonists and vandals in the past.

The building is one of the oldest remaining shoe factories in the town and historians had feared it could either be demolished or simply be left to collapse.

But now, developer Mansha Syed has come forward with plans to restore the building and convert it into flats.

He said: "I'm Northampton born and bred so I've known many people who have worked in the shoe industry and I've seen the demise of it. I also know a lot of people who have bought other shoe factories and restored them.

"Obviously, this building can't be turned back into a shoe factory because that's not viable, but we want to keep the building and we want to be as sympathetic as possible with the restoration.

"It's a very attractive building and we're going to do our best to bring it back to life."

Little is known about the history of the building, other than it was used by the Henry Harday company from at least 1850. If Mr Syed is given planning permission by Northampton Borough Council for the development, he plans to include a plaque commemorating the history of the factory in the development.

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Police chief backs Martin's promotion

Northamptonshire Police's new deputy chief constable Martin Jelley has been hailed as the "right man" to fight crime across the county.

Martin Jelley has been promoted to the position of deputy chief constable with Northamptonshire Police

Mr Jelley, who previously filled one of the force's two assistant chief constable roles, was promoted to the position following interviews throughout Monday.

He replaces Suzette Davenport, who left Northamptonshire to become chief constable in Gloucestershire last month. Mr Jelley, who filled the role on a temporary basis following her departure, becomes the second highest ranking police officer in the county.

He joined Northamptonshire Police in 2009 and now takes overall responsibility for the force's performance and organisational change.

Chief Constable Adrian Lee said Mr Jelley was the right choice for the role.

He said: "I am very pleased that Martin has now been appointed permanently. His promotion follows more than three years as a chief officer, during which time he has provided strong leadership to the force through a difficult period of budget cuts, change and serious incidents – and overseen some of the most impressive crime reductions nationwide."

Mr Jelley began his policing career with Norfolk Constabulary in 1988 and last year led the planning for the county's response to the 2012 Olympic Games and the torch relay.

Mr Jelley said: "I am absolutely delighted to be deputy chief constable. I look forward to working with the chief constable and the PCC in this new role, to continue driving our commitment to reduce crime, doing the very best we can for the communities we serve and achieving even better levels of public confidence."

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Northampton School for Boys is on a countdown to Twickenham, as the school bids to make history at the home of rugby.

The Billing Road school has reached the finals day of the Daily Mail Cup, after staging an amazing comeback to beat Warwick School 13-10.

NSB had been trailing 10-0 just after half-time.

The school will bid to become one of the few state schools to triumph in the national competition and have said they want "to take Northampton with us to Twickenham".

Their semi-final success continued what has already been a remarkable run in the competition, which has seen the NSB team knock out some of the country's most prestigious rugby-playing private schools.

They will now take on defending champions Dulwich College on March 23 to be crowned national champions.

The school's rugby coach, Mark Lee, said: "For me this is like beating South Africa, New Zealand and then Australia in back-to-back games, so it is a huge achievement.

"We have never been to Twickenham before, we have made it to a couple of semi-finals at under-15, and it is just absolutely lovely to have that feeling that we are going to get to go to Twickenham."

He described the feeling in the changing room after the game as "unbridled joy" and revealed parents, staff and players headed back from Broadstreet Rugby Club, in Coventry, for a post-game celebration at Old Northamptonians.

He added: "We are going to go to Twickenham now and give it a bash.

"In one sense we can't lose now because we have achieved so much this year.

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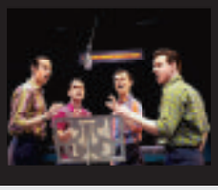

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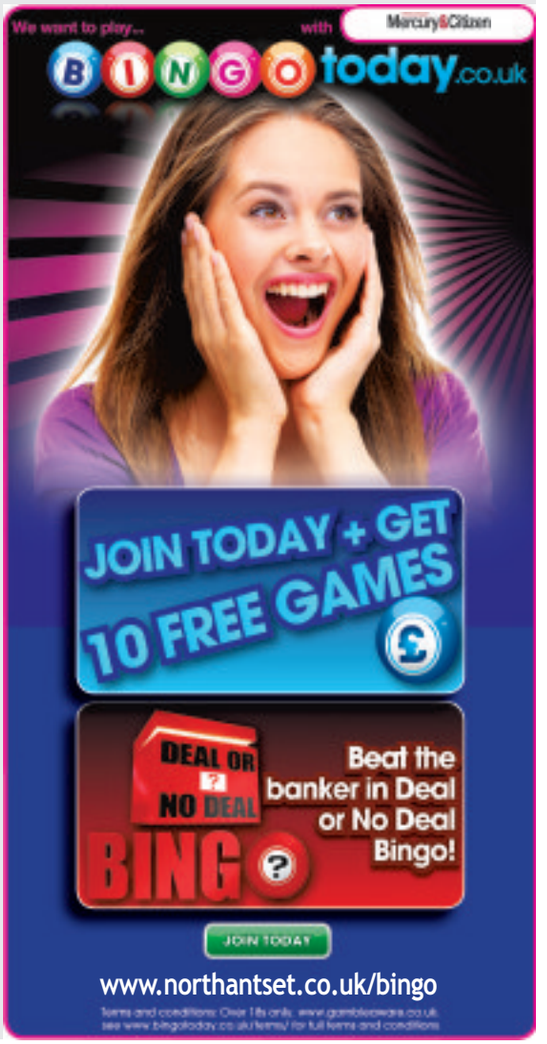

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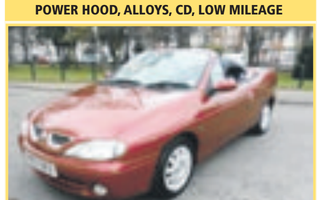

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Love you always, Mum, Dad and Arron x x x

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To my dear Grandson Conna.

Wishing you a happy 18th Birthday!

Looking forward to celebrating with you at your party.

You've achieved so much and make me very proud.

Love Nan x x

Obituaries

ARNOLD
Nick

Sadly passed away on February 26th 2013, after a long illness.

So brave, such an inspiration, will be sadly missed.

RIP Nick.
Your Friends
Rachel and David

EVANS
Doreen

Dearly beloved Sister to Bill Thomas, also Auntie to Stephen and Karen.

Passed away on March 2nd 2013.

Sleep well Sweetheart x x

PICKERING — Tony Passed away suddenly, he will be sadly missed by all his mates at Cotton Fishing Section, love to all the Family. From Marcus and Lisa.

SAUNDERS — Edward Frederick (Ted) Passed away on 28th February. Beloved Husband of Mary, Loving Father to Stephen, Louise, Gary, Tracy and Matthew. Grandad to Alice, Jack, Jacob. We will love and miss you for always.

SAUNDERS — Edward Frederick (Ted) Passed away on 28th February. Dear Brother-in-law of Frances and Dave. Uncle to Rachel, Oliver, Eva. Will be sadly missed.

Obituaries

STEVENS
Doreen Alice
Formerly Hillery, nee Favell

Passed away peacefully on 24th February 2013. Loving Husband to Colin, Mum to Carol, Susan, Harry and Helen and their Families.

The Family would like to thank the staff of Dryden Ward, Northampton General Hospital for the compassion and respect shown to them and Doreen while she was in their care.

The Funeral Service will be held at 12.30pm on 15th March at the Counties Crematorium, Towcester Road, Northampton. Family flowers only please, but donations by cheque for Macmillan Nurses can be sent to Co-operative Funeral Care, The Poplars, Barrack Road, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 3RL.

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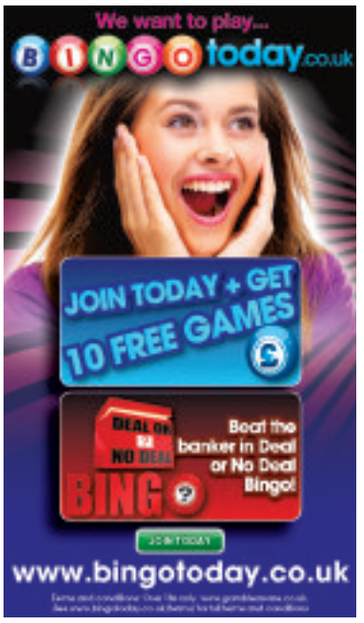

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Langmead to Town rescue!

Skipper scores late leveller to snatch point at Morecambe

FOOTBALL

By Jefferson Lake
Football writer
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Kelvin Langmead's reputation as Northampton Town's saviour was enhanced further with a late equaliser to snatch a point in a feisty 1-1 draw at Morecambe on Tuesday.

With just two minutes remaining the Cobblers skipper diverted the ball into the unguarded net after Ishmel Demontagnac's free-kick had struck the post.

It was the fourth time the visitors had hit the woodwork on a night where it looked like their luck was out, both in their own game and in league two fixtures elsewhere.

A win for Burton Albion - who are now second - made avoiding a 10th away defeat of the season more important for Aidy Boothroyd's men.

They did not look like achieving that feat when Jack Redshaw gave the home side the lead on the hour mark, but Langmead - his status among the supporters growing with every game - had other ideas.

Redshaw was a lively force all night and drew a good save from Lee Nicholls after six minutes after Kevin Ellison had drifted inside from his wing to find space and pick a pass behind the Town defence.

The goalkeeper had to be on his toes again 10 minutes later when a right-wing cross was deflected goalward by the bandaged head of Langmead, who had sustained a cut when challenging for a Ben Tozer throw at the other end.

Joe Widdowson, operating as a wing-back on the left side then won a free-kick that Chris Hackett bent low through the crowd of players and onto the foot of Andreas Arestidou's left-hand post before being cleared to safety.

Langmead then did likewise with an exquisite shot that curled towards the target as though it had been struck by a Brazilian midfielder and not a central defender from Coventry.

Demontagnac, who had a lively evening, then forced Arestidou into a stretching save with a rifled effort from 25 yards after a Hackett free-kick had been cleared.

Town made it a hat-trick of efforts against the woodwork when Ben Harding curled an effort into the left-hand post and although the rebound fell to Demontagnac, his scuff over the bar was inconsequential as he was in an offside position.

Redshaw provided the breakthrough on 57 minutes, showing good feet in midfield before a wall pass with Lewis Alessandra that deflected into his path to sidefoot beyond Nicholls.

Arestidou had looked suspect on a couple of deep crosses into the box and could only parry at a shot taken early by O'Donovan as the visitors looked to mount a response.

From the resulting corner's second phase, Redshaw led a counter-attack that was foiled by a gutsy last-ditch challenge from Demontagnac inside his own box.

Town spurned a great chance to equalise came when Hackett flighted a cross in that was cleared to O'Donovan, who lashed a volley into the stand when he had time to take a more measured approach.

It looked like a costly miss until Demontagnac bent a dead ball onto the post and Langmead, on the ground, and at full stretch, did the rest to add to his collection of late, important Cobblers goals.

GOAL STAR - the Cobblers players celebrate Kelvin Langmead's late equaliser at Morecambe on Tuesday night PICTURE: SHARON LUCEY

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Tom May has turned down the chance to join Leicester Tigers in favour of a move to London Welsh

May turns down Tigers

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May is keen to develop a business model to be an inspirational leader to younger players and the Oxford-based club will allow him time to pursue that.

Welsh are currently bottom of the Aviva Premiership after recently having five points deducted for fielding an ineligible player.

But May's move is not thought to be dependent on which division they will be playing in next season.

The former Newcastle and Toulon man, who has won two England caps, has made 49 appearances for Saints since joining the club in the summer of 2011.

He has has been a prominent figure alongside Samoan George Pisi in the Northampton midfield this season, recording 13 points during the current campaign.

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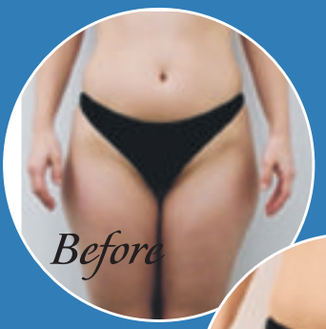

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An extremely common goal for women following the birth of a child is to regain one's body shape and lose weight. The stomach can be one of these key target areas for fat reduction. Ultrasonic Lipo can help reduce banding and fat build-up that would otherwise be hard to shake off.

Targeting weight loss throughout the Body

Ultrasonic Lipo treatment is completely non-intrusive. Therefore fat loss can be tackled throughout the body without discomfort. Following this fat loss treatment, a sensible regime of exercise, water intake and a low calorie diet can contribute to keeping your rejuvenated body shape.

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